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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
Washington, D.C.

11 March 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHAIRMAN, INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: NSC 143

1. The President by memorandum to the Executive Secretary, National Security Council, dated 14 February 1953, proposed the formation of a "Volunteer Freedom Corps" in the interest of our national security and as a means of relieving the burden now resting upon the youth of America in the world struggle against Communism by providing additional combat manpower. Another objective was finding "a way to mobilize the will to oppose Communism which exists in countries under the Communist yoke."

2. The details of his proposal are outlined in NSC 143. The undersigned has been designated to head an ad hoc committee appointed by the National Security Council to work out terms and provisions of the proposal and to report my conclusions to the National Security Council (Para. 2F, NSC 143).

3. As a necessary accompaniment to the establishment of a "Volunteer Freedom Corps" it is envisaged that a vigorous psychological campaign against the Communist world will be essential to stimulate, accelerate and then maintain a steady flow of escapees westward across the European satellite countries. It may even be possible to extend the proposal to the Far East.

4. Within the spirit and scope of the proposal as outlined in NSC 143 therefore, it is requested that this Committee be furnished urgently an informal estimate of the Intelligence Advisory Committee of the probable Communist reaction to the implementation of a "Volunteer Freedom Corps". The above should also include Communist reaction to establishment of a "Volunteer Freedom Corps" in a strength of proportions necessarily limited initially by the number of available recruits. Estimates should of course take cognizance of the accelerated pace of our psychological measures aimed at inducing defection and creating unrest.

/s/ WILLIS D. CRITTENBERGER
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Chairman
NSC Ad Hoc Committee

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